an Electric Tramway may be constructed on the ...ad for the convenience of the travelling public.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 305.

Construction of a ...Railway line from Hosdurg... Road Station to Marikan...ave and on to join the Ban...galore-Hindupur line.

Mr. Venkatanaranappa, H... Hosdurga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The construction of th... Marikanave Reservoir is likely to attract many peop... from outside to settle in the sparsely populated taluk o... Hiriyur on accoun... bilities for irrigation afforded for ...ultivation and for ... dustries with the help of E...lectricity to be genera... Marikanave, and thereby improve the prosperit... taluk.

It ... proposed that as a means of further convenie... ay line may be ope...ned from Hosdurga Road St... to Marikanave and ...ontinued to join the Bangalore-...ndupur line. The pr...posed line would tend also to the convenience of the other neighbouring taluks.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 306.

Opening Railway lines for the benefit of Chitaldrug District.

Mr. W. Tirumal Rao, Chitaldrug Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Southern Mahratta Railway Company has opened a line of Railway up to Kottur and Royadurg. Marikana...ve Reservoir which has been con...structed at a cost of a...bout 50 lakhs of rupees may not be u...seful unless a Railw...ay communication be opened to facilit...ate trade and tr...affic in the Hiriyur Taluk. It is therefo...re proposed that a Light Railway line be opened in any of the directions noted below :—1. From Kottur to Jagalur *via* Ujjani and Sokke, thence to Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Sira, (*a*) from Sira to Goribidnur *via* Maddagiri (approxi...mate distance, 145 miles), (*b*) from Sira to Tumkur (approxim...ate distance, 125 miles); 2. Royadurg to Challakere *via* Mo...kalmuru, Naikanhatti, thence to Hiriyur and Sira, and fr...m Sira it may be connected with Goribidnur *via* Madd...giri or with Tumkur. (Approximate distance same as above.) Though the Chitaldrug District is a proverbially dry and poor district, the revenue of the district has been considerably raised at the Revision Survey. This works very hard upon the agriculturists. But the reason for the enhancement of revenue is said to be the increased means of communication. But no such increased communication seems to have been given to the district. If a Railway line be opened in the district, the object of the enhancement of revenue will have been accomplished.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

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SUBJECT No. 307.

Increase of Tasdiks to Muzrai Temples.

Messrs. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli, and Nanjunda Setti, Maddagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The small Tasdiks of minor temples may be increased out of Muzrai Surplus Funds.

Reply of Government.—There is no such Fund as Muzrai Surplus Fund. Individual cases of inadequacy of Tasdiks which require special consideration may be brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 308.

Submission of accounts of receipts and expenditure of temples.

Messrs. G. Tiruvengadaraniengar, Venkataramaiya and Padmarajaiya, Taluk. Channarayapatna

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for the submission of accounts of receipts and expenditure of temple to the taluk and committees consisting of patels and shanbhogs may be appointed.

Reply of Government.—For important Muzrai Temples Committees of Tasdarsis consisting of gentlemen of local influence are appointed. Government have also issued orders for the remittance to the Treasury of all collections in the first instance.

SUBJECT No. 309.

Misappropriation of charitable endowments.

Mr. N. D. Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Charitable endowments are not being used for the purposes for which they were given.

Reply of Government.—Misappropriations of charitable endowments have been ordered to be enquired into by Jamabandi Officers and Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 310.

Pudvat Funds.

Messrs. Dasappa and M. Chowdaiya, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Submission of accounts of Pudavat Funds of temples and the recovery of outstandings may be ordered.

Reply of Government.—The Muzrai Secretary will take necessary steps for the recovery of Pudavat amounts without allowing them to become time-barred. Amildars will be warned that they will be held personally responsible for amounts allowed by them to become barred.

SUBJECT No. 311.

Accounts of Chattrams and Temples.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Advocate, Nanjangud.

Summary of discussion.—Accounts of all chattrams and temples in receipt of Muzrai Grant should be regularly kept and submitted to Government.

Reply of Government.—This is being done.

SUBJECT No. 312.

Deposit of temple money in Savings Banks.

Messrs. Yagaina Krishnappa and Yagaina Subba Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All money belonging to Muzrai temples may be ordered to be kept in Savings Banks.

Reply of Government.—Large sums of money belonging to temples cannot be invested in Government Savings Banks under the rules recently passed. Arrangements will be made to invest such amounts in Government Securities as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 313.

Higher rate of interest on charitable endowments.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Member, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A higher rate of interest than that prescribed may be allowed on investments in Government Savings Banks for religious and charitable purposes.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 314.

Retention of services of pujaris.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Member, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The services of persons performing Devara Puje in chattrams which are now being dispensed with may be retained and continued.

Reply of Government.—Noted.